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REMARKS

The Office Action of July 18, 2006, has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Claims 3 and 11 have been canceled, and claims 1, 5, 13, 16, 17, 20, 22, 27-30, 35-37, 100, 107, and 111 have been amended, and claims 125 and 126 have been added. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-2, 4-10, 12-37 and 100-126 remain pending after entry of this amendment. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested.

Applicants' Interview Summary

Applicants would like to thank examiners Roswell and Hailu for the courtesies extended to the inventor, assignee, and undersigned counsel during the personal interview on August 29, 2006. The following remarks include Applicants' substance of interview pursuant to MPEP § 713.04. Applicants note one correction to the examiner's interview summary, namely, that the Tang reference (U.S. Pat. No. 5,793,365) was also discussed during the interview in addition to the Trueblood and Barrus references.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-10 and 100-107, 111, 113-117, and 120-124 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tang (U.S. Pat. No. 5,793,365) in view of Trueblood (U.S. Patent No. 6,031,530).

Claims 11, 12, 16, 22, 25, 27-30, 36, 37, 110, and 112 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tang and Trueblood in view of Barrus (U.S. Patent No. 6,693,652).

Claims 13-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tang, Trueblood and Barrus in view of Barker.

Claims 17-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tang and Trueblood in view of Brown (U.S. Patent No. 6,259,461).

Claims 20 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tang, Trueblood and Barrus in view of Infogate.

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Claims 23, 24, 108, and 109 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tang, Trueblood and Barrus in view of Greenberg.

Claim 26 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Barrus, Tang, Trueblood, and Greenberg, in view of Snippets.

Claims 31-35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tang, Trueblood, and Barrus.

Claims 118-119 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tang and Trueblood, and further in view of Scott (U.S. Pat. No. 6,545,687).

Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate the features recited in now canceled claims 3 and 11. Claim 1 has thus been amended only to recite now canceled claim 11 (including any intervening claims) in independent form, and no new matter has been added. As discussed during the personal interview on August 29, 2006, and as agreed in the examiner's interview summary of the same date, the art of record does not teach or suggest, at a minimum, a dynamic thumbnail comprising a combination of a ticket which defines the entity and a viewer for displaying the ticket, as claimed. Claim 1 and dependent claims 2, 4-10, 12-37, and 125-126 are thus allowable over the art of record in this case.

Applicants have amended independent claims 100 and 111 to recite similar features as amended claim 1, and respectfully submit that independent claims 100 and 111, as well as their respective dependent claims 101-110 and 112-124 are allowable at least for similar reasons as claim 1.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants believe the case is now in condition for allowance. Should the examiner believe that the case is not in condition for allowance, or that an Examiner's Amendment could expeditiously place the case in condition for allowance, the examiner is kindly requested to contact Applicant's undersigned counsel at (202) 824-3153.

Respectfully submitted,

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